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Louis,

In light of the DOJ's internal directive to the civil rights division, we understand this to include a stay in any existing litigation, including the Metcalfe matter. If you disagree with this, please advise the basis on which you believe the DOJ has authority to continue this litigation absent further review.

As today is my last day with the AG's office, I have copied all defense counsel on this email and would ask that you reply to all with your response.

Thanks,  
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